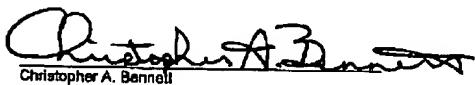


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice of disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 17, 24, 27, 28, 30 and 31 with the following claims:

17. An image processing device for situating objects in virtual space by a computer system, developing a game while controlling the movements of said objects according to input control and set rules, and displaying circumstances in said virtual space as the screen seen from a virtual camera, wherein said image processing device